

UNL beef satellite short-course set

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension educators have planned the 2009-10 Beef Satellite Short-course, "Staying Competitive in an Ever Changing Beef Cattle Industry."

Cattle producers are highly encouraged to attend one or all of the courses as there will be multiple sessions covering many different topics.

Producers will get to see the latest research findings from UNL and will get to determine if utilizing such practices will assist them in their cattle operations.

The series is scheduled to be held Monday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 21 and Jan. 11 and 18. The sessions are presented via satellite and will have a question and answer session following the presentations. Each session should conclude around 9 p.m.

The Dec. 14 session, "Protein Supplementation: It's More Than the Impact on the Cow," will feature speaker Rick Funston, beef cattle reproductive physiologist at UNL's West Central Research and Extension Center.

The Dec. 21 session will cover, "Herd Bio-security—Keeping TB and Trich Out of Your Herd" and will be presented by Richard Randle, UNL Extension veterinarian.

On Jan. 11, Chris Calkins, UNL meat scientist, will be present, "What's the Beef?—Impact on Feeding Distillers On Beef Quality and New Products On the Horizon."

The final date, Jan. 18, will entail a presentation on "Indexes, SNPs and DNA Testing—Understanding the Complicated Genetics and How It Applies To the Cow/Calf Producer," by Matt Spangler, UNL beef specialist.

Area county Extension offices at which this short-course can be viewed, along with the educator

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For more information or to register, contact Steve Niemeyer at the Garfield, Loup and Wheeler Extension office at (308) 346-4200.

More locations may be added, contact a local UNL Extension office for more information or to see if additional locations have been added. The program will also [on-line](#) .